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SACHIKO WILLIAMS } Case No. CV08-02218 AHM
Plaintiff } (AGRx)
v. } CLASS ACTION
MERCK & CO., INC., and } COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
MCKESSON CORP. } BASED ON:
Defendants }
1. NEGLIGENCE
2. STRICT PRODUCT
LIABILITY - FAILURE TO
WARN
3. STRICT PRODUCT
LIABILITY -
MANUFACTURING AND
DESIGN DEFECT
4. BREACH OF EXPRESS
WARRANTY
5. BREACH OF IMPLIED
WARRANTY
6. FRAUDULENT
MISREPRESENTATION

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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1 Plaintiff, SACHIKO WILLIAMS, brings this action against Defendants and
2 alleges as follows:

3 **INTRODUCTION**

4 1. Plaintiff Sachiko Williams consumed the prescription drug Fosamax®
5 , also known as Alendronate Sodium (hereinafter referred to as “Fosamax”), which
6 is manufactured and distributed by Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON.
7 Sachiko Williams developed, and will continue to suffer from, a serious health
8 condition as a result of her consumption of the drug.

9 2. Defendant MERCK & CO. INC (hereinafter “MERCK”) designed,
10 researched, manufactured, advertised, promoted, marketed sold and/or distributed
11 Fosamax. Furthermore, Defendant MERCK concealed its knowledge of Fosamax’s
12 risks and trivialized the serious side effects of Fosamax from Plaintiff’s physicians,
13 pharmacists, and the public in general.

14 3. Defendant MCKESSON CORP (“hereinafter “MCKESSON”) is a
15 corporation whose principle place of business is San Francisco, California.
16 MCKESSON distributed and sold Fosamax in and throughout the United States
17 including the State of California.

18 4. As a result of Defendant’s actions, Sachiko Williams has suffered and
19 will continue to suffer from a serious health condition.

20 **PARTIES**

21 5. Plaintiff Sachiko Williams (“Ms. Williams”) is a resident of Texas.
22 Ms. Williams consumed the Defendants’ prescription drug Fosamax until she was
23 diagnosed with osteonecrosis of the jaw.

24 6. Defendant MERCK, is, and at all times material to this action was, a
25 corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws
26 of the State of New Jersey, with its principal office located at One Merck Drive,
27 Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

28 7. MERCK is, and at all times material to this action was, authorized to

1 do business, and was engaged in, and continues to be engaged in, substantial
2 commerce and business throughout the United States including the States of Texas
3 and California.

4 8. MERCK includes any and all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates,
5 divisions, franchises, partners, joint venturers and organizational units of any kind,
6 their predecessors, successors and assigns and their present officers, directors,
7 employees, agents, representatives and other persons acting on their behalf.

8 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that in
9 committing the acts alleged herein, each and every managing agent, agent,
10 representative and/or employee of the Defendant was working within the course
11 and scope of said agency, representation and/or employment with the knowledge,
12 consent, ratification and authorization of the Defendant and its directors, officers
13 and/or managing agents.

14 10. At all times material to this action, Defendant MERCK designed,
15 researched, developed, tested, redeveloped, studied, investigated, manufactured,
16 created, sterilized, packaged, distributed, supplied, sold, placed into the stream of
17 commerce, labeled, described, marketed, advertised, promoted and purported to
18 warn or to inform users regarding the risks pertaining to, and assuaged concerns
19 about their pharmaceutical Fosamax.

20 11. Defendant MCKESSON is, and at all times material to this action
21 was, a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of
22 the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in San
23 Francisco, California. MCKESSON is, and at all times material to this action was,
24 authorized to do business, and was engaged in, and continues to engage in,
25 substantial commerce and business in the States of Texas and California.

26 12. Defendant MCKESSON includes any and all parents, subsidiaries,
27 affiliates, divisions, franchises, partners, joint venturers and organizational units of
28 any kind, their predecessors, successors and assigns and their present officers,

1 directors, employees, agents, representatives and other persons acting on their
2 behalf.

3 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that in
4 committing the acts alleged herein, each and every managing agent, agent,
5 representative and/or employee of Defendant MCKESSON was working within the
6 course and scope of said agency, representation and/or employment with the
7 knowledge, consent, ratification and authorization of the Defendant and its
8 directors, officers and/or managing agents.

9 14. At all times material to this action, Defendant MCKESSON packaged,
10 distributed, supplied, sold, placed into the stream of commerce, labeled, described,
11 marketed, advertised, promoted and purported to warn or to inform users regarding
12 the risks pertaining to, and assuaged concerns about the pharmaceutical Fosamax.

13 15. Defendants placed Fosamax into the stream of commerce in the
14 United States without adequate testing and with no warning that consumption of
15 the drug carried with it a risk of causing osteonecrosis of the jaw.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

17 16. This court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to
18 28 U.S.C. 1332 (diversity of citizenship). The matter in controversy in this civil
19 action exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs and is
20 between citizens of different states.

21 17. Venue in this jurisdiction is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 in
22 that the Defendants both reside in the State of California. A defendant is deemed to
23 reside in any judicial district where its contacts would be sufficient to subject it to
24 personal jurisdiction at the time the action is commenced. MCKESSON not only
25 has its principle place of business within the State of California, but has also
26 engaged in substantial amount of business in the State of California. MERCK has
27 designed, distributed, merchandised, advertised, supplied and sold to distributors,
28 physicians and hospitals their drug Fosamax to be consumed within the State of

1 California and as such, have had sufficient contacts to subject them to personal
2 jurisdiction at the time the action is commenced.

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE
TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

18. The pharmaceutical drug at issue in this litigation is “Fosamax”, a brand name for the drug’s primary component Alendronate.

19. Fosamax falls within a class of drugs known as bisphosphonates, which are used in the treatment of bone conditions such as osteoporosis and Paget's Disease. Other drugs within this class, such as Aredia and Zometa, are used as chemotherapy and as adjunct chemotherapy but are not indicated for use in non-cancerous conditions such as osteoporosis.

20. Bisphosphonate drugs are divided into nitrogenous bisphosphonates and non-nitrogenous bisphosphonates. The obvious difference between the two is that the nitrogenous one contains nitrogen while the latter does not. Fosamax is a type of nitrogenous bisphosphonate.

21. The United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) approved Fosamax in September 1995 for the treatment of osteoporosis in women after menopause and Paget’s Disease. Since, it has been approved for the prevention of osteoporosis in post-menopausal women, to increase bone mass in men with osteoporosis and to treat osteoporosis in men and women who are taking corticosteroids.

22. Since its approval, it has become the most prescribed medicine worldwide for the treatment of postmenopausal, male and glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis, with global sales reaching \$3.2 billion in 2005 as indicated by Merck's 2005 Annual Report.

23. Fosamax reverses bone loss by reducing the activity of the cells that cause bone loss, decreasing the faster rate of bone loss that occurs after menopause or with use of corticosteroid medications, and increasing the amount of bone in

1 most patients.

2 24. Despite these benefits, there have been reports that indicate the serious
 3 risks associated with the consumption of Fosamax. A number of studies have
 4 shown that Fosamax has been linked with a type of bone disease known as
 5 osteonecrosis of the jaw. Symptoms of this disease include localized pain in the
 6 jaw, numbness, loosening of teeth, soft tissue infections and/or the exposure of
 7 jawbone.

8 25. Throughout the 1990's and 2000's, medical articles and studies
 9 reported on the frequent occurrence of osteonecrosis of the jaw in patients being
 10 treated with the nitrogenous bisphosphonates used for chemotherapy. MERCK
 11 knew or should have known at this time that Fosamax, also a nitrogenous
 12 bisphosphonate, would carry with it a similar risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw.

13 26. MERCK knew or should have known that bisphosphonates, including
 14 Fosamax, inhibit endothelial cell function. Similarly, MERCK knew or should
 15 have known that bisphosphonates also inhibit vascularization of the affected area
 16 and induce ischemic changes specific to patients' mandibles (lower jaws) and
 17 maxillae (upper jaws) and that these ischemic changes appear to be cumulative in
 18 nature.

19 27. MERCK also knew or should have known that these factors combine
 20 to create a compromised vascular supply in the affected area. As a result, a minor
 21 injury or disease can turn into a non-healing wound. That in turn can progress to
 22 widespread necrosis (bone death) and osteomyelitis (inflammation of bone
 23 marrow).

24 28. Osteonecrosis of the jaw is a condition in which the bone tissue in the
 25 jaw fails to heal after minor trauma such as a tooth extraction, causing the bone to
 26 be exposed. The exposure can eventually lead to infection and fracture and may
 27 require long term antibiotic therapy or surgery to remove the dying bone tissue.
 28 Dentists are now being advised by dental associations to refrain from using any

1 invasive procedures (such as drilling a cavity) for any patient on Fosamax.

2 29. Once the osteonecrosis begins it is very difficult to treat and typically
3 is not reversible. Regular monitoring of the condition by a medical professional is
4 also required. It is a serious medical condition that can result in severe disability
5 and death.

6 30. The risks of osteonecrosis associated with Fosamax use became clear
7 shortly after MERCK began selling it, as reports of osteonecrosis and other dental
8 complications among Fosamax users began to appear. Despite this knowledge,
9 MERCK failed to further study the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw relative to
10 Fosamax and instead proposed further indications for their drug.

11 31. The FDA conducted a review of their adverse events database,
12 specifically for the bisphosphonates Aredia, Zometa, Actonel and Fosamax, in
13 August 2004 and observed that the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw was not
14 confined to bisphosphonates used for chemotherapy. Their review indicated that
15 osteonecrosis of the jaw was a class effect which included the drug Fosamax. As a
16 result, the FDA has recommended that labeling for Fosamax should be changed to
17 specifically warn about the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw.

18 32. The connection between Fosamax use and osteonecrosis of the jaw
19 was also published in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and it
20 prompted the FDA to issue a warning to medical professionals on September 24,
21 2004.

22 33. MERCK has refused to comply with the FDA's recommendation and,
23 to this day, still does not warn of the risks of osteonecrosis of the jaw in their
24 labeling.

25 34. Rather than warn patients, and despite the knowledge by Defendants
26 about increased risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw in patients using Fosamax,
27 Defendants continue to defend Fosamax, mislead physicians and the public, and
28 minimize unfavorable findings.

1 35. Defendants knew of the significant risk of dental and oral
 2 complications caused by the ingestion of Fosamax, but Defendants did not
 3 adequately and sufficiently warn consumers, including Sachiko Williams, or the
 4 medical community of such risks.

5 36. As a direct result, Plaintiff Sachiko Williams was prescribed Fosamax
 6 and has been permanently and severely injured as a result of her consumption of
 7 Fosamax. Sachiko Williams will suffer life-long complications and in the future
 8 will require ongoing medical care and treatment.

9 37. Plaintiff Sachiko Williams was prescribed and began taking Fosamax
 10 in 2003. Ms. Williams used Fosamax in a foreseeable manner.

11 38. As a direct and proximate result of using Fosamax, Sachiko Williams
 12 has suffered and will continue to suffer from severe osteonecrosis of the jaw.

13 39. Plaintiff would not have used Fosamax had the Defendants properly
 14 disclosed the risks associated with the drug. Alternatively, had Sachiko Williams
 15 known the risks, she would have known what events could increase her risk of
 16 osteonecrosis of the jaw and would have been able to avoid those situations.

17 40. MERCK, through its affirmative misrepresentations and omissions,
 18 actively concealed from Ms. Williams and her physicians the true and significant
 19 risks associated with taking Fosamax.

20 41. As a result of Defendants' actions, Ms. Williams and her prescribing
 21 physicians were unaware, and could not have reasonably known or have learned
 22 through reasonable diligence, that she had been exposed to the risks identified in
 23 this complaint.

FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT

24 42. Any applicable statute of limitations have been tolled by the knowing
 25 and active concealment and denial of facts as alleged herein by the Defendants.
 26 The Plaintiff has been kept in ignorance of vital information essential to the pursuit
 27 of these claims, without any fault or lack of diligence on their part. The Plaintiff
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1 could not have reasonably discovered the dangerous nature and unreasonable
2 adverse side effects associated with Fosamax.

3 43. Defendants are and were under a continuing duty to disclose the true
4 character, quality and nature of their drug to the Plaintiff. Because of their
5 concealment of the true character, quality and nature of their antipsychotic
6 medication, Defendants are estopped from relying on any statute of limitations
7 defense.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligence

(Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

10 44. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in all preceding
11 paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth in this paragraph.

12 45. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care in the manufacture,
13 sale, research, development, inspection, labeling, promoting, marketing, and/or
14 distribution of Fosamax into the stream of commerce, including a duty to assure
15 that this drug did not cause users to suffer from unreasonable, dangerous side
16 effects.

17 46. Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON failed to exercise ordinary
18 care in the manufacture, sale, testing, quality assurance, quality control, marketing
19 and/or distribution of Fosamax into interstate commerce, in that Defendants knew
20 or should have known that using Fosamax created a high risk of unreasonable
21 dangerous side effects, including but not limited to the risk of developing
22 osteonecrosis of the jaw.

23 47. Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON breached their duty to
24 Plaintiffs and were negligent in the licensing, testing, design, manufacture,
25 packaging, warning, advertising, promotion, distribution, and sale of Fosamax in
26 that Defendants:

27 A. Failed to use ordinary care in designing and manufacturing the
28 Fosamax so as to avoid the aforementioned risks to Plaintiffs;

- 1 B. Failed to accompany Fosamax with proper warnings regarding
- 2 the possible adverse side effects associated with the use of those
- 3 drugs and the comparative severity and duration of such
- 4 adverse effects, i.e., the warnings given did not accurately
- 5 reflect the symptoms, scope or severity of the side effects;
- 6 C. Failed to conduct adequate pre-clinical testing and post-
- 7 marketing surveillance to determine the safety and side effects
- 8 of Fosamax;
- 9 D. Failed to provide adequate training to medical care providers
- 10 for appropriate use of Fosamax;
- 11 E. Failed to warn Plaintiff, either directly or indirectly, orally or in
- 12 writing, about the following:
- 13 (i) The need for comprehensive, regular monitoring to
- 14 ensure early discovery of potentially serious side effects
- 15 like osteonecrosis of the jaw and
- 16 (ii) The possibility of becoming injured, or permanently
- 17 disabled as a result of using Fosamax.
- 18 F. Failed to adequately test and/or warn about the serious side
- 19 effects of Fosamax;
- 20 G. Failed to include adequate warnings with Fosamax that would
- 21 alert Plaintiffs, physicians, hospitals, and clinics, to the
- 22 potential risks and the nature, scope, severity, and duration of
- 23 any serious side effects of Fosamax;
- 24 H. Continued to promote the efficacy and safety of Fosamax while
- 25 providing little or no warnings, and downplaying any risks,
- 26 even after Defendants knew of the risks of serious injury;
- 27 I. Delayed warnings of, and then failed to provide adequate
- 28 warnings about the serious injuries, which may have dissuaded

1 medical providers from prescribing Fosamax and deprived
 2 medical providers from weighing the true risks against the
 3 benefits of prescribing Fosamax; and

4 J. Were otherwise careless or negligent.

5 48. Despite the fact that Defendants knew or should have known that
 6 Fosamax caused unreasonably dangerous side effects, Defendants continued and
 7 are currently continuing to market, manufacture, distribute and/or sell Fosamax to
 8 consumers, including Sachiko Williams and her doctors.

9 49. Defendants knew or should have known that consumers, such as
 10 Sachiko Williams, would suffer injury as a result of Defendants' failure to exercise
 11 ordinary care as described above.

12 50. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages because the Defendants'
 13 failure to warn was reckless and without regard for the public's safety and welfare.
 14 The Defendants misled both the medical community and the public at large,
 15 including Plaintiffs, by making false representations about the safety of Fosamax.
 16 The Defendants downplayed, understated, and disregarded their knowledge of the
 17 serious and permanent side effects associated with the use of Fosamax despite
 18 available information demonstrating that their products were likely to cause serious
 19 and potentially fatal side effects to users like Ms. Williams.

20 51. As a direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence, carelessness,
 21 other wrongdoing and actions of the Defendants described herein, Sachiko
 22 Williams was, and still is, caused to suffer severe and permanent injuries including
 23 diminished enjoyment of life, osteonecrosis of the jaw and other permanent health
 24 problems.

25 52. Based upon information and belief, Defendants actually knew of
 26 Fosamax's defective nature, as set forth herein, but continued, and still continue, to
 27 design, manufacture, market and sell the drug so as to maximize sales and profits at
 28 the expense fo the health and safety of the public, including the Plaintiff, in

1 conscious disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by the drug.

2 53. Defendants' conduct in the license, design, manufacturing, assembly,
 3 packaging, warning, marketing, advertising, promotion, distribution and sale of,
 4 including, but not limited to:

- 5 A. Aggressively marketing and promoting Fosamax, knowing the
 6 high risks posed by failing to conduct sufficient pre-clinical and
 7 clinical testing and adequate post-marketing surveillance;
- 8 B. Failing to provide complete literature, instructions, and training
 9 to healthcare professionals indicating the proper use of
 10 Fosamax, and the need for monitoring of patients while on it;
- 11 C. Failing to include adequate warnings with Fosamax that would
 12 alert consumers, physicians, hospitals, clinics, and other users
 13 to the potential risks and the nature, scope, severity, and
 14 duration of any serious side effects of the drug, particularly, the
 15 risk of developing osteonecrosis of the jaw;
- 16 D. Continuing to promote the efficacy and safety of the drug,
 17 while providing little or no warnings, and downplaying any
 18 risks, even after Defendants knew of the increased risks
 19 associated with use of Fosamax;
- 20 E. Failing to warn of the dangerous side effects which may have
 21 dissuaded medical providers from prescribing Fosamax so
 22 freely, and depriving medical providers from weighing the true
 23 risks against the benefits of prescribing these drugs, was
 24 fraudulent, knowing misconduct, and/or conduct undertaken
 25 recklessly and with conscious disregard for the safety of
 26 consumers such as the Plaintiffs, such as to constitute
 27 despicable conduct, and oppression, fraud and malice, and such
 28 conduct was at all times relevant ratified by the corporate

1 Defendants herein, thereby entitling Plaintiff punitive damages
 2 in an amount appropriate to punish and set an example of
 3 Defendants.

4 54. As a result of MERCK and MCKESSON's conduct, Sachiko
 5 Williams suffered injuries and damages herein.

6 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of
 7 them, as set forth herein below.

8 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
 9 *Strict Product Liability - Failure to Warn*
 9 (Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

10 55. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in all proceeding
 11 paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth in this paragraph.

12 56. Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON are the manufacturer and/or
 13 supplier of Fosamax.

14 57. Fosamax manufactured and/or supplied by Defendants MERCK and
 15 MCKESSON was unaccompanied by proper warnings regarding all possible side
 16 effects associated with their use and the comparative severity, incidence, and
 17 duration of such adverse effects, i.e., the warnings given did not accurately reflect
 18 the signs, symptoms, incidence, scope or severity of the side effects.

19 58. Defendants failed to perform adequate testing that would have shown
 20 that Fosamax possessed serious potential side effects with respect to which full and
 21 proper warnings accurately and fully reflecting symptoms, scope and severity
 22 should have been made, both with respect to the use of this drug.

23 59. Fosamax manufactured and/or supplied by Defendants was defective
 24 due to inadequate post-marketing warnings or instructions because, after the
 25 manufacturer knew or should have known of the risks of injury from Fosamax,
 26 they failed to provide adequate warnings to users or consumers of the drug and
 27 continued, and still continue, to aggressively promote Fosamax.

28 60. As a direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence, carelessness,

1 other wrongdoing and actions of Defendants described herein, Sachiko Williams
 2 has been injured as described above.

3 61. Based upon information and belief, Defendants actually knew of the
 4 defective nature of Fosamax, as set forth herein, but continued, and still continue,
 5 to design, manufacture, market, sell and distribute Fosamax so as to maximize
 6 sales and profits at the expense of the health and safety of the public including Ms.
 7 Williams, in conscious disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by Fosamax.

8 62. Defendants conduct in the license, design, manufacturing, assembly,
 9 packaging, warning, marketing, advertising, promotion, distribution, and sale of
 10 Fosamax, including, but not limited to:

- 11 A. Aggressively marketing and promoting Fosamax, knowing the
 high risks posed by failing to conduct sufficient pre-clinical and
 clinical testing and adequate post-marketing surveillance;
- 12 B. Failing to provide complete literature, instructions, and training
 to healthcare professionals indicating the proper use of
 Fosamax, and the need for monitoring patients while on it.
- 13 C. Failing to include adequate warnings with Fosamax that would
 alert consumers, physicians, hospitals, clinics and other users to
 the potential risks and the nature, scope, severity, and duration
 of any serious side effects of the drug, particularly the risk of
 developing osteonecrosis of the jaw, as well as other severe
 permanent health problems;
- 14 D. Continuing to promote the efficacy and safety of the drug,
 while providing little or no warnings, and downplaying any
 risks, even after Defendants knew of the increased risks
 associated with Fosamax use;
- 15 E. Failing to warn about the dangerous side effects, which may
 have dissuaded medical providers from prescribing Fosamax so

1 freely, and depriving medical providers from weighing the true
 2 risks against the benefits of prescribing the drug, was
 3 fraudulent, knowing misconduct, and/or conduct undertaken
 4 recklessly and with conscious disregard for the safety of
 5 consumers, such as the Plaintiff, such as to constitute
 6 despicable conduct, fraud and malice, and such conduct was at
 7 all times relevant ratified by corporate Defendants herein,
 8 thereby entitling the Plaintiff to punitive damages in an amount
 9 appropriate to punish and set an example of Defendant.

10 63. Defendants' actions, as described above, were performed willfully,
 11 intentionally, and with reckless disregard for the rights of Ms. Williams and the
 12 public.

13 64. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Sachiko Wiliams has sustained
 14 injuries described above.

15 65. Accordingly, Ms. Williams seeks and is entitled to compensatory and
 16 punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

17 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and
 18 each of them, as set forth herein below.

19 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
 20 *Strict Product Liability - Manufacturing and Design Defect*
 (Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

21 66. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in all preceding
 22 paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth in this paragraph.

23 67. The Defendants manufactured, sold, distributed, marketed, and/or
 24 supplied Fosamax in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition to
 25 consumers, including Plaintiff Sachiko Williams.

26 68. The Defendants manufactured, designed, sold, distributed, supplied,
 27 marketed, and/or promoted Fosamax, which was expected to reach and did in fact
 28 reach consumers, including Ms. Williams, without substantial change in the

1 condition in which it was manufactured and sold.

2 69. Sachiko Williams used Fosamax as prescribed and in a manner
 3 normally intended, recommended, promoted and marketed by the Defendants.

4 70. Fosamax failed to perform safely when used by ordinary consumers,
 5 including Ms. Williams, even when it was used as intended and in a reasonably
 6 foreseeable manner.

7 71. Fosamax was defective in its design and was unreasonably dangerous
 8 in that its unforeseeable risks exceeded the benefits associated with its design.

9 72. Fosamax was defective in design in that it posed a greater likelihood
 10 of injury than other similar medications and was more dangerous than an ordinary
 11 consumer could reasonably foresee.

12 73. Fosamax was defective in design in that neither bore nor was
 13 packaged with nor accompanied by warnings adequate to alert consumers, including
 14 Sachiko Williams, of the risks described herein, including the risk of osteonecrosis
 15 of the jaw.

16 74. Although the Defendants knew or should have known of the defective
 17 nature of Fosamax, they continued to design, manufacture, market, and sell
 18 Fosamax so as to maximize sales and profits at the expense of the public health and
 19 safety. By so acting, Defendants acted with conscious and deliberate disregard of
 20 the foreseeable harm caused by Fosamax.

21 75. Sachiko Williams could not, through the exercise of reasonable care,
 22 have discovered Fosamax's defects.

23 76. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants' conduct,
 24 Plaintiff Sachiko Williams developed osteonecrosis of the jaw and requires, and
 25 will require in the future, healthcare. In addition, Ms. Williams has incurred, and
 26 will incur in the future, medical expenses as a result of her consumption of
 27 Fosamax. Accordingly, Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to compensatory and
 28 punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

1 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and
 2 each of them, as set forth herein below.

3 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **Breach of Express Warranty**
 4 (Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

5 77. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in all preceding
 6 paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth in this paragraph.

7 78. Defendants, MERCK and MCKESSON, through description,
 8 affirmation of fact, and promise relating to Fosamax, to the FDA, prescribing
 9 physicians, and the general public, including Ms. Williams, expressly warranted
 10 that Fosamax was safe and well accepted by users.

11 79. Fosamax does not conform to these express representations because it
 12 is not safe as its use produces serious adverse side effects including the risk of
 13 developing osteonecrosis of the jaw, as well as other severe permanent health
 14 problems.

15 80. As such, Defendants' product was neither in conformity to the
 16 promises, descriptions or affirmations of fact made about the drug nor adequately
 17 contained, packaged, labeled or fit for the ordinary purposes for which such goods
 18 are used.

19 81. Defendant MERCK knew or should have known that, in fact, said
 20 representations and warranties were false and misleading in that Fosamax was not
 21 safe and/or fit for its intended use, and in fact resulted in serious injuries to the
 22 user.

23 82. Sachiko Williams relied on the express warranties of the Defendants
 24 herein. Members of the medical community, including physicians, psychiatrists,
 25 and other healthcare professionals, relied upon the representations and warranties
 26 of the Defendants for use of Fosamax in prescribing, recommending, and/or
 27 dispensing the product.

28 83. Defendants thereafter breached their express warranties to the Plaintiff

1 in violation of the applicable provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code in
2 California by: (i) manufacturing, marketing, packaging, labeling, and selling
3 Fosamax to the Plaintiff in such a way that misstated the risks of injury, without
4 warning or disclosure thereof by package and label of such risks to Plaintiff or
5 their prescribing physicians or pharmacists, or without so modifying or excluding
6 such express warranties; (ii) manufacturing, marketing, packaging, labeling, and
7 selling Fosamax to the Plaintiff, which failed to counteract their symptoms in a
8 safe and permanent manner and without injury; and (iii) manufacturing, marketing,
9 packaging, labeling, and selling Fosamax to the Plaintiff, thereby causing injury to
10 her.

11 84. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct the Sachiko
12 Williams was and still is caused to suffer severe and permanent injuries and
13 physical pain including diminished enjoyment of life, osteonecrosis of the jaw, as
14 well as other severe permanent health problems.

15 85. Ms. Williams is to punitive damages because of Defendants' failure to
16 warn was reckless and without regard to their welfare. Defendants misled both the
17 medical community and the public at large, including the Plaintiff, by making false
18 representations about the safety of their product. Defendants downplayed,
19 understated, and disregarded their knowledge of the serious and permanent side
20 effects associated with the use of Fosamax, despite available information
21 demonstrating that it was likely to cause serious side effects to users.

22 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and
23 each of them, as set forth herein below.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
Breach of Implied Warranty
(Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

26 86. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in all preceding
27 paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth in this paragraph.

28 ||| 87. At the time Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON marketed, sold,

1 and distributed Fosamax, for use by the Plaintiff, Defendants knew of the use for
 2 which Fosamax was intended and impliedly warranted the drug to be of
 3 merchantable quality and safe and fit for its intended use.

4 88. Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON impliedly represented and
 5 warranted to the Plaintiff, healthcare professionals and the FDA that the Fosamax
 6 it was supplying was safe and fit for ordinary use.

7 89. Sachiko Williams and members of the medical community relied on
 8 Defendants warranties that their product Fosamax was of merchantable quality and
 9 safe and fit for its intended use.

10 90. Contrary to such implied warranties, Fosamax was not of
 11 merchantable quality or safe or fit for its intended use, because it was unreasonably
 12 dangerous and unfit for the ordinary purposes for which it was used, as described
 13 above.

14 91. Defendant's conduct in the license, design, manufacturing, assembly,
 15 packaging, warning, marketing, advertising, promotion, distribution, and sale of
 16 Fosamax, including but not limited to:

- 17 A. Marketing and promoting the product aggressively, knowing
 18 the high risks posed by failing to conduct sufficient pre-clinical
 19 and clinical testing and adequate post-market surveillance;
- 20 B. Failing to provide complete literature, instructions, and training
 21 to health care professionals indicating the proper use for
 22 Fosamax, and the need for monitoring patients while on the
 23 product;
- 24 C. Failing to include adequate warnings with Fosamax that would
 25 alert consumers, physicians, hospitals, clinics and other users of
 26 the potential risks and the nature, scope, severity and duration
 27 of any serious side effects of the drug, particularly, the risks of
 28 osteonecrosis of the jaw as well as other severe permanent

health problems;

- D. Continuing to promote the efficacy and safety of Fosamax, while providing little or no warnings, and downplaying any risks, even after the Defendants knew of the increased risks associated with use of their product.
- E. Failing to warn of the dangerous side effects which may have dissuaded medical providers from prescribing Fosamax so freely, and depriving medical providers from weighing the true risks against the benefits of prescribing the product, was fraudulent, knowing misconduct, and/or conduct undertaken recklessly and with conscious disregard for the safety of consumers like Ms. Williams, such as to constitute despicable conduct, oppression, fraud and malice, and such conduct was at all times relevant ratified by the corporate Defendants herein, thereby entitling the Plaintiff punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish and set an example of the Defendants.

17 92. As a direct, proximate and legal result of Defendants' negligence,
18 carelessness and other wrongdoing described herein, Sachiko Williams has
19 sustained severe injuries as described above.

20 93. Based upon information and belief, Defendants actually knew
21 of Fosamax's defective nature, as set forth herein, but continued to design,
22 manufacture, market, and sell Fosamax to maximize sales and profits at the
23 expense of the health and safety of the public, including Ms. Williams in conscious
24 disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by the drug.

25 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and
26 each of them, as set forth herein below.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Fraudulent Misrepresentation (Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

94. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth in this paragraph.

95. Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON, having undertaken to prepare, design, research, develop, manufacture, inspect, label, market, promote, and sell Fosamax, owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the medical community to provide them accurate and complete information regarding these products.

96. The Defendants' advertising program, by containing affirmative misrepresentations and omissions, falsely and deceptively sought to create the image and impression that the use of Fosamax was safe, had no unacceptable side effects, and would not interfere with daily life.

97. On information and belief, Plaintiffs aver that Defendants failed to disclose, misstated, downplayed, and understated the health hazards and risks associated with the use Fosamax. Defendants deceived potential users and prescribers of the drug by relaying only allegedly positive information, while concealing, misstating and downplaying the known adverse and serious health effects.

98. Defendants knew or should have known that Fosamax had been insufficiently tested and that it lacked necessary warnings. Defendants were or should have been in possession of evidence demonstrating that their product created a high risk of unreasonable, dangerous side effects, including osteonecrosis of the jaw, as well as other severe permanent health problems. Nonetheless, Defendants willfully, wantonly, and recklessly disregarded their obligation to provide truthful representations regarding the safety and risk of Fosamax to consumers, including Sachiko Williams, and the medical community.

99. The Defendants' misrepresentations were made with the intent of defrauding and deceiving Ms. Williams, other consumers, and the medical

1 community to encourage the sale fo Fosamax. Ms. Williams and her doctors
2 justifiably relied to her detriment upon Defendants' positive misrepresentations
3 concerning Fosamax.

4 100. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Sachiko Williams has sustained
5 injuries as described above. Ms. Williams will continue to suffer and require future
6 healthcare services. Ms. Williams has also incurred and will continue to incur
7 substantial medical expenses as a result of her injuries sustained from her Fosamax
8 use. Accordingly, Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to compensatory and punitive
9 damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

10 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of
11 them , as set forth herein

PRAAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows for:

1. Costs of suit incurred herein;
2. Special damages according to proof;
3. General damages according to proof;
4. For exemplary and punitive damages according to proof;
4. Prejudgment interest on these losses;
5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just.

1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

2 Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury in this action .

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4 DATED: April 1, 2008

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge A. Howard Matz and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Alicia G. Rosenberg.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

CV08- 2218 AHM (AGRx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SACHIKO WILLIAMS	CASE NUMBER CV08-02218 AHM (AGRx)
v.	PLAINTIFF(S)
MERCK & CO., INC., and MCKESSON CORP.	DEFENDANT(S).
SUMMONS	

TO: DEFENDANT(S): MERCK & CO., INC., and MCKESSON CORP.

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 20 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint amended complaint counterclaim cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Khorrami Pollard & Abir LLP, whose address is 444 S. Flower St., 33rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

Dated: APR - 3 2008

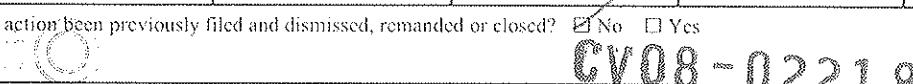
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(Seal of the Court)

[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3).]

CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) SACHIKO WILLIAMS		DEFENDANTS MERCK & CO., INC., and MCKESSON CORP.			
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (Except in U.S. Plaintiff Cases): Bexar, TX		County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (In U.S. Plaintiff Cases Only): Hunterdon, NJ			
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) Bajar Dejban, Esq. Khorrami Pollard & Abir LLP 444 S. Flower St., 33rd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071		Attorneys (If Known)			
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)		III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)	Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> PTF 1	<input type="checkbox"/> DEF 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State <input type="checkbox"/> 4
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V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)					
CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ over \$75,000.00					
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.) Product Liability					
VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)					
OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	TORTS	TORTS	PRISONER	LABOR
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<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. Employers' Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/ Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation
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VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed and dismissed, remanded or closed? No YesIf yes, list case number(s): 

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VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed that are related to the present case? No Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

(Check all boxes that apply) A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
 B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
 C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
 D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: List the California County, or State if other than California, in which EACH named plaintiff resides (Use an additional sheet if necessary)

Check here if the U.S. government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff.

Texas

List the California County, or State if other than California, in which EACH named defendant resides. (Use an additional sheet if necessary).

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Merck & Co., Inc. - New Jersey

McKesson Corp. - San Francisco County

List the California County, or State if other than California, in which EACH claim arose. (Use an additional sheet if necessary)

Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): 

Date

04/02/2008

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Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SACHIKO WILLIAMS

CASE NUMBER

CV08-02218 AHM (AGR)

Plaintiff(s),

v.

MERCK & CO., INC., and MCKESSON CORP.

Defendant(s)

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE
OF INTERESTED PARTIES
(Local Rule 7.1-1)**

TO: THE COURT AND ALL PARTIES APPEARING OF RECORD:

The undersigned, counsel of record for Plaintiff, Sachiko Williams (or party appearing in pro per), certifies that the following listed party (or parties) has (have) a direct, pecuniary interest in the outcome of this case. These representations are made to enable the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal. (Use additional sheet if necessary.)

PARTY**CONNECTION**

(List the names of all such parties and identify their connection and interest.)

Other than the above named parties, counsel for Plaintiff is unaware of any additional parties having a direct, pecuniary interest in the outcome of this case.

04/02/2008

Date



Bahar Dejban, Esq._____
Attorney of record for or party appearing in pro per**COP****NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SACHIKO WILLIAMS, v. MERCK & CO., INC., et al.	PLAINTIFF(S)	CASE NUMBER CV 08-2218 AHM (AGRx)	
	DEFENDANT(S).	ORDER TO REASSIGN CASE DUE TO SELF-RECUSAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.2 OF GENERAL ORDER 07-02	

The undersigned Judge, to whom the above-entitled case was assigned, is hereby of the opinion that he or she should not preside over said case, by reason of (*please use additional sheets if necessary*):

Ownership of stock in defendant, Merck & Co., Inc.

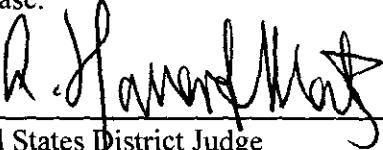
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be reassigned by the Clerk in accordance with Section 3.2 of General Order 07-02.

This self-recusal has been Ordered:

within 120 days of the Court being assigned said case.
 after 120 days of the Court being assigned said case.

April 4, 2008

Date


United States District Judge

NOTICE TO COUNSEL FROM CLERK

This case has been reassigned to Judge Florence-Marie Cooper. On all documents subsequently filed in this case, please substitute the initials FMC after the case number in place of the initials of the prior Judge so that the case number will read: CV 08-2218 FMC (AGRx).

This is very important because documents are routed to the assigned Judge by means of the initials.

The case file, under seal documents, exhibits, docket, transcripts or depositions may be viewed at the:
 Western Southern Eastern Division.

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No.	2:08-cv-02218-FMC-AGR _x	Date	April 10, 2008
Title	Sachiko Williams v. Merck & Co., Inc. et al		

Present: The Honorable	FLORENCE-MARIE COOPER
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Alicia Mamer	Not present	N/A
Deputy Clerk	Court Reporter / Recorder	Tape No.
Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:		Attorneys Present for Defendants:
Not present		Not present

Proceedings: ORDER ON TRANSFER OF CASE TO JUDGE COOPER and ORDER re JUDGE COOPER'S ELECTRONIC FILING PROCEDURES (In Chambers)

This action has been reassigned to the HONORABLE FLORENCE-MARIE COOPER, United States District Judge. Please substitute the initials FMC in place of the initials AHM. The case number will now read: 2:08-cv-02218-FMC-AGR_x. Henceforth, it is imperative that the initials FMC be used on all documents to prevent any delays in processing of documents.

Judge Cooper's courtroom deputy clerk is Alicia Mamer and can be reached at (213) 894-1782. Judge Cooper's courtroom is located on the 7th floor of the Roybal Federal Building, Courtroom # 750.

Additional information about Judge Cooper's procedures can be found on her website profile at www.cacd.uscourts.gov. The Court will entertain appearances by telephone for all status conferences, scheduling conferences and oral argument on motions. *If you wish to appear by telephone, you must:*

- (i) notify the clerk at least two days in advance of **each appearance date**
- (ii) provide the clerk with the telephone number at which the Court can reach you (land lines, only; no cellular phones)
- (iii) agree to be available at that number for up to one hour from the time of the scheduled appearance

Beginning January 1, 2008, counsel shall e-file all criminal and civil filings for JUDGE COOPER pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 5(d)(3), Local Rule 5-4, and General Orders 06-07, 08-03, as follows:

Step 1: All non-signature items shall be E-FILED in pdf format. All proposed signature items shall be E-FILED as an attachment to the main document in pdf format.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No.	2:08-cv-02218-FMC-AGR	Date	April 10, 2008
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Step 3: A PAPER COURTESY COPY of all e-filed documents shall be delivered to the COURTESY DROP BOX OUTSIDE THE CLERK'S OFFICE IN THE ROYBAL FEDERAL BUILDING

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SACHIKO WILLIAMS.

Case No. CV08-02218-AHM (AGRx)

Plaintiff,

V.

MERCK & CO., INC., and
MCKESSON CORP.,

**DEFENDANT MERCK & CO., INC.'S
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendants.

Defendant, Merck & Co., Inc. (“Merck”), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby answers those allegations of Plaintiff’s Complaint (“Complaint”) directed to it. To the extent the allegations of any paragraph are directed at defendants other than Merck, Merck is not required to respond to those allegations. To the extent a response is deemed necessary, Merck states that it denies all such allegations, except those that are specifically admitted below. Merck denies all allegations set forth in the Complaint directed at Merck except to the extent such allegations are specifically admitted below:

INTRODUCTION

1. Merck denies each and every allegation of the first sentence of Paragraph 1, except that Merck admits that it manufactured and distributed the prescription medicine FOSAMAX® for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information, that McKesson distributed FOSAMAX® to certain pharmacies, hospitals and other medical facilities, and further states that it is without knowledge as to whether Plaintiff consumed FOSAMAX®. Merck denies each and every allegation of the second sentence of Paragraph 1.

2. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 2, except that Merck admits that it manufactured, marketed and distributed the prescription medicine FOSAMAX® for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information.

3. The allegations of Paragraph 3 are directed to a defendant other than Merck, and therefore Merck is not required to respond to those allegations. To the extent a response is required, Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 3, except that Merck admits that McKesson is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California and that McKesson distributed FOSAMAX® to certain pharmacies, hospitals and other medical facilities.

4. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 4.

PARTIES

5. Merck lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of the first sentence of Paragraph 5. Merck denies each and every allegation of the second sentence of Paragraph 5, except that Merck states that it is without knowledge as to whether Plaintiff consumed FOSAMAX®.

6. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 6, except that Merck admits that it is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey with its principal place of business located at One Merck Drive, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT 2

1 California.

2 8. The allegations of Paragraph 8 are conclusions of law to which no
 3 response is required. To the extent a response is required, Merck denies the allegations
 4 of Paragraph 8.

5 9. The allegations of Paragraph 9 are conclusions of law to which no
 6 response is required. To the extent a response is required, Merck denies each and every
 7 allegation of Paragraph 9.

8 10. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 10, except that
 9 Merck admits that it manufactured, marketed, and distributed the prescription medicine
 10 FOSAMAX® for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information.

11 11. The allegations of Paragraph 11 are directed to a defendant other than
 12 Merck, and therefore Merck is not required to respond to those allegations. To the
 13 extent a response is required, Merck states that it is without knowledge or information
 14 sufficient to form a belief as to those allegations, except that Merck admits that
 15 McKesson is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in San
 16 Francisco, California.

17 12. The allegations of Paragraph 12 are conclusions of law and are directed to
 18 a defendant other than Merck, and therefore Merck is not required to respond to those
 19 allegations. To the extent a response is required, Merck states that it is without
 20 knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of
 21 Paragraph 12.

22 13. The allegations of Paragraph 13 are directed to a defendant other than
 23 Merck, and therefore Merck is not required to respond to those allegations. To the
 24 extent a response is required, Merck states that it is without knowledge or information
 25 sufficient to form a belief as to those allegations.

26 14. The allegations of Paragraph 14 are directed to a defendant other than
 27 Merck, and therefore Merck is not required to respond to those allegations. To the
 28 extent a response is required, Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 14,

except that Merck admits that McKesson distributed FOSAMAX® to certain pharmacies, hospitals and other medical facilities.

15. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 15.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

16. The allegations of Paragraph 16 are conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 16, except admits, for jurisdictional purposes only, that Plaintiff seeks in excess of \$75,000.

17. The allegations of Paragraph 17 state a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 17.

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE
TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

18. Merck admits that Plaintiff purports to bring a proceeding involving FOSAMAX®, but denies that there is any legal or factual basis for same. Merck respectfully refers the Court to the Physician's Desk Reference ("PDR") for FOSAMAX® for its actual language and full text.

19. Merck admits only that FOSAMAX® is a prescription medication approved by the FDA for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information and denies any allegations in Paragraph 19 inconsistent with that prescribing information. Merck respectfully refers the Court to the PDR for FOSAMAX® for its actual language and full text. Merck also refers the Court to the prescribing information for Aredia and Zometa, and denies any allegations in Paragraph 19 with respect to Aredia and Zometa inconsistent with that prescribing information.

20. Merck admits only that some bisphosphonates contain nitrogen and some do not and that FOSAMAX® is a prescription medication approved by the FDA for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information and denies any allegations in Paragraph 20 inconsistent with that prescribing information. Merck

1 respectfully refers the Court to the PDR for FOSAMAX® for its actual language and
 2 full text.

3 21. Merck denies each and every allegation in Paragraph 21, except that Merck
 4 admits that it sought and, in 1995, first obtained FDA approval to manufacture and
 5 market FOSAMAX® 10 mg and FOSAMAX® 40 mg tablets, a prescription
 6 medication approved by the FDA for prescription in accordance with its approved
 7 prescribing information. Merck denies any allegations in Paragraph 21 inconsistent
 8 with that prescribing information.

9 22. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 22, except that
 10 Merck admits that Fosamax product sales in 2005 amounted to approximately \$3.19
 11 billion.

12 23. Merck admits only that FOSAMAX® is a prescription medication
 13 approved by the FDA for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing
 14 information and denies any allegations in Paragraph 23 inconsistent with that
 15 prescribing information. Merck respectfully refers the Court to the PDR for
 16 FOSAMAX® for its actual language and full text.

17 24. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 24.

18 25. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 25.

19 26. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 26.

20 27. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 27.

21 28. Merck denies each and every allegation of the first and second sentences of
 22 Paragraph 28. Merck lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to
 23 the truth or falsity of the allegations of the third sentence of Paragraph 28.

24 29. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 29.

25 30. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 30.

26 31. Merck denies each and every allegation in Paragraph 31, except that Merck
 27 admits that the FDA drafted an “ODS Postmarketing Safety Review,” but respectfully
 28 refers the Court to said document for its actual language and full text.

32. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 32, except that
Merck admits that Ruggiero, et al., published an article entitled, "Osteonecrosis
of the Jaws Associated with the Use of Bisphosphonates: A Review of 63
Cases," Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, vol. 62, p. 533 (2004) and
respectfully refers the Court to said article for its actual language and full text.

33. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 33.

34. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 34.

35. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 35.

36. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 36.

37. Merck lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of Paragraph 37.

38. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 38.

39. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 39.

40. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 40.

41. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 41.

FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT

42. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 42.

43. The allegations of the first sentence of Paragraph 43 are conclusions of law to which no response is required; to the extent that a response is deemed necessary, the allegations of the first sentence of Paragraph 43 are denied and Merck respectfully refers the Court to the relevant legal standard, including any conflict of law rules. Merck denies each and every allegation of the second sentence of Paragraph 43.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligence

(Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

44. Merck repleads its answers to Paragraphs 1 through and including 43, and by this reference hereby incorporates the same herein in this paragraph, and makes the same a part hereof as though fully set forth *verbatim*.

1 45. The allegations in Paragraph 45 are conclusions of law to which no
 2 response is required; to the extent that a response is deemed necessary, the allegations
 3 are denied and Merck respectfully refers the Court to the relevant legal standard,
 4 including any conflict of law rules.

5 46. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 46.

6 47. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 47, including each
 7 and every allegation contained in subparts (A) through (J).

8 48. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 48.

9 49. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 49.

10 50. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 50.

11 51. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 51.

12 52. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 52.

13 53. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 53, including each
 14 and every allegation contained in subparts (A) through (E).

15 54. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 54.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Strict Product Liability – Failure to Warn

(Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

18 55. Merck repleads its answers to Paragraphs 1 through and including 54, and
 19 by this reference hereby incorporates the same herein in this paragraph, and makes the
 20 same a part hereof as though fully set forth *verbatim*.

21 56. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 56, except that
 22 Merck admits that it manufactured and distributed the prescription medicine
 23 FOSAMAX for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information
 24 and that McKesson distributed FOSAMAX® to certain pharmacies, hospitals and other
 25 medical facilities.

26 57. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 57.

27 58. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 58.

59. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 59.
60. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 60.
61. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 61.
62. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 62, including each and every allegation contained in subparts (A) through (E).

63. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 63.
64. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 64.
65. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 65.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Strict Product Liability – Manufacturing and Design Defect (Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

66. Merck repleads its answers to Paragraphs 1 through and including 65, and by this reference hereby incorporates the same herein in this paragraph, and makes the same a part hereof as though fully set forth *verbatim*.

67. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 67.
68. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 68, except that it admits that Merck manufactured, marketed and distributed the prescription medicine FOSAMAX® for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information, that McKesson distributed FOSAMAX® to certain pharmacies, hospitals and other medical facilities, and further states that it is without knowledge as to the condition of the FOSAMAX® Plaintiff alleges she consumed.

69. Merck lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of Paragraph 69.

70. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 70.
71. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 71.
72. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 72.
73. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 73.
74. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 74.

75. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 75.

76. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 76.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Express Warranty

(Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

77. Merck repleads its answers to Paragraphs 1 through and including 76, and by this reference hereby incorporates the same herein in this paragraph, and makes the same a part hereof as though fully set forth *verbatim*.

78. To the extent that the allegations of Paragraph 78 are directed to Merck, Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 78, and respectfully refers the Court to the FDA-approved prescribing information for any and all representations contained therein. Merck further avers that FOSAMAX® is a prescription medication approved by the FDA for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information. To the extent that the allegations of Paragraph 78 are directed to defendants other than Merck, Merck is not required to respond. To the extent that Merck is required to respond, Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 78.

79. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 79.

80. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 80.

81. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 81.

82. Merck lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of Paragraph 82.

83. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 83, including each and every allegation contained in subparts (i) through (iii).

84. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 84.

85. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 85.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Warranty

(Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

86. Merck repleads its answers to Paragraphs 1 through and including 85, and

by this reference hereby incorporates the same herein in this paragraph, and makes the same a part hereof as though fully set forth *verbatim*.

87. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 87, except that it admits that Merck manufactured, marketed, and distributed the prescription medicine FOSAMAX® for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information and that McKesson distributed FOSAMAX® to certain pharmacies, hospitals and other medical facilities. Merck respectfully refers the Court to the FDA-approved prescribing information for any and all representations contained therein. Merck further avers that FOSAMAX® is a prescription medication approved by the FDA for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information.

88. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 88, and respectfully refers the Court to the FDA-approved prescribing information for any and all representations contained therein. Merck further avers that FOSAMAX® is a prescription medication approved by the FDA for prescription in accordance with its approved prescribing information.

89. Merck lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of Paragraph 89.

90. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 90.

91. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 91, including each and every allegation contained in subparts (A) through (E).

92. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 92.

93. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 93.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
Fraudulent Misrepresentation
(Against Defendants MERCK and MCKESSON)

94. Merck repleads its answers to Paragraphs 1 through and including 93, and by this reference hereby incorporates the same herein in this paragraph, and makes the same a part hereof as though fully set forth *verbatim*.

95. The allegations in Paragraph 95 are conclusions of law to which no response is required; to the extent that a response is deemed necessary, the allegations are denied and Merck respectfully refers the Court to the relevant legal standard, including any conflict of law rules.

96. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 96.

97. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 97.

98. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 98.

99 Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 99.

100. Merck denies each and every allegation of Paragraph 100.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Merck denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any of the relief requested in her Global Prayer for Relief.

WHEREFORE, Merck respectfully demands judgment dismissing Plaintiff's Complaint with prejudice and awarding Merck such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Discovery and investigation may reveal that any one or more of the following additional defenses should be available to Merck in this matter. Merck, therefore, asserts said additional defenses in order to preserve the right to assert them. Upon completion of discovery, and if the facts warrant, Merck may withdraw any of these additional defenses as it may deem appropriate. Further, Merck reserves the right to amend its Answer to assert additional defenses, cross-claims, counterclaims, and other claims and defenses as discovery proceeds. Further answering and by way of additional defense, Merck states as follows:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Each and every claim asserted or raised in the Complaint is barred by the applicable statute of limitations and is otherwise untimely.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Each and every claim asserted or raised in the Complaint is barred by the doctrines of estoppel, waiver or statutory and regulatory compliance.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiff has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, upon information and belief, such injuries or losses were caused in whole or in part through the operation of nature or other intervening cause or causes.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

To the extent that Plaintiff asserts claims based on Merck's adherence to and compliance with applicable state laws, regulations and rules, such claims are preempted by federal law under the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

To the extent that Plaintiff asserts claims based upon an alleged failure by Merck to warn Plaintiff directly of alleged dangers associated with the use of FOSAMAX®, such claims are barred under the learned intermediary doctrine because Merck has discharged its duty to warn in its warnings to the prescribing physician.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiff has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, such injuries or losses were caused in whole or in part by the contributory negligence of the allegedly injured Plaintiff.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any liability that might otherwise be imposed upon this Defendant is subject to reduction by the application of the doctrine of comparative fault.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiff has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, such injuries or losses were only sustained after Plaintiff knowingly, voluntarily, and

1 willfully assumed the risk of any injury as the result of the consumption of,
 2 administration of, or exposure to any medicine or pharmaceutical preparation
 3 manufactured or distributed by Merck or other manufacturer.

4 **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

5 If Plaintiff has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, upon
 6 information and belief, such injuries and losses were caused by the actions of persons
 7 not having real or apparent authority to take said actions on behalf of Merck and over
 8 whom Merck had no control and for whom Merck may not be held accountable.

9 **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

10 If Plaintiff has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, upon
 11 information and belief, such injuries and losses were proximately caused by Plaintiff's
 12 misuse or abuse of FOSAMAX®.

13 **TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

14 If Plaintiff has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, such
 15 injuries or losses resulted from Plaintiff's pre-existing and/or unrelated medical, genetic
 16 and/or environmental conditions, diseases, or illnesses, idiosyncratic reactions,
 17 subsequent medical conditions or natural courses of conditions for which this
 18 Defendant is not responsible.

19 **THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

20 To the extent that Plaintiff relies upon any theory of breach of warranty, such
 21 claims are also barred for lack of timely notice of breach and/or lack of privity.

22 **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

23 Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part under the applicable state law
 24 because FOSAMAX® was subject to and received pre-market approval by the FDA
 25 under 52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. § 301.

26 **FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

27 Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because the product at issue was
 28 made in accordance with the state of the art at the time it was manufactured.

1 **SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

2 To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive damages for the conduct which
 3 allegedly caused the injuries asserted in the Complaint, such an award would, if
 4 granted, violate Merck's state and federal constitutional rights.

5 **SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6 To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive damages for an alleged act or omission
 7 of Merck, no act or omission was malicious, willful, wanton, reckless or grossly
 8 negligent and, therefore, any award of punitive damages is barred.

9 **EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

10 To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive damages, such claim is barred because
 11 FOSAMAX® and its labeling was subject to and received pre-market approval by the
 12 FDA under 52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. § 301.

13 **NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

14 Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part under comment k to Section
 15 402A of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.

16 **TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

17 Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because Merck provided legally
 18 adequate "directions or warnings" as to the use of FOSAMAX® and any other
 19 medicine or pharmaceutical preparation Plaintiff alleges to have taken within the
 20 meaning of comment j to Section 402A of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.

21 **TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

22 Plaintiff's claims are barred under Section 4, *et seq.*, of the Restatement (Third)
 23 of Torts: Products Liability.

24 **TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

25 Plaintiff's claims are barred under comment f to Section 6 of the Restatement
 26 (Third) of Torts: Products Liability.

27 **TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

28 There is no practical or technically feasible alternative design that would have

1 reduced the alleged risk without substantially impairing the reasonably anticipated and
 2 intended function of FOSAMAX®.

3 **TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4 Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by failure to mitigate damages.

5 **TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6 Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because Merck's conduct
 7 conforms with medical knowledge.

8 **TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9 With respect to each and every cause of action, Plaintiff is not entitled to
 10 recovery for strict liability because Plaintiff cannot state claims founded in strict
 11 liability because, among other things, comments j and k to Section 402A of the
 12 Restatement (Second) of Torts relegates Plaintiff's claims to a negligence cause of
 13 action.

14 **TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

15 All activities of Merck as alleged in the Complaint were expressly authorized
 16 and/or regulated by a government agency. Therefore, Plaintiff's claims pertaining to
 17 unfair or deceptive practices are barred.

18 **TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

19 With respect to each and every cause of action, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover
 20 because if the product involved was unsafe, which Merck denies, then it was
 21 unavoidably unsafe as defined in Restatement of Torts. The apparent benefits of the
 22 product exceeded any apparent risk given the scientific knowledge available when the
 23 product was marketed.

24 **TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

25 Merck's advertisements and labeling with respect to the products which are the
 26 subject matter of this action were not false or misleading and, therefore, constitute
 27 protected commercial speech under the applicable provisions of the Constitution of the
 28 United States and the Constitutions of the States of California and Texas.

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The public interest in the benefit and availability of the product which is the subject matter of this action precludes liability for risks, if any, resulting from any activities undertaken by this Defendant, which were unavoidable given the state of human knowledge at the time those activities were undertaken. With respect to Plaintiff's claims, if it is determined there is a risk inherent in the product which is the subject matter of this action, then such risk, if any, is outweighed by the benefit of the product.

THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times relevant herein, any product which is the subject matter of this action manufactured and distributed by Merck in any state in the United States was manufactured and distributed in a reasonable and prudent manner based upon available medical and scientific knowledge and further was processed and distributed in accordance with and pursuant to all applicable regulations of the FDA.

THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

With respect to each and every purported cause of action, the acts of Merck were at all times done in good faith and without malice.

THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

To the extent there were any risks associated with the use of the product which is the subject matter of this action which Merck knew or should have known and which gave rise to a duty to warn, Merck at all times discharged such duty through appropriate and adequate warnings in accordance with federal and state law.

THIRTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has not sustained an ascertainable loss of property or money.

THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has not suffered any actual injury or damages.

THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred under the doctrine of economic loss.

THIRTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This case is more appropriately brought in a different venue as defined in 28 U.S.C. §1404(a).

THIRTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This case is subject to dismissal and/or transfer to another venue pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1406(a).

THIRTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This case is subject to dismissal or stay on the grounds of *forum non conveniens*.

FORTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiff have sustained injury or loss as alleged in the Complaint, such injury or loss may have been caused by parties other than answering defendant, or third persons not parties to this action, who may have been negligent, legally responsible, or otherwise at fault. In the event of a finding of liability in favor of Plaintiff, a settlement, or a judgment against answering defendant, answering defendant requests an apportionment of fault among all parties and third persons as permitted by *Li v. Yellow Cab Company* and *America Motorcycle Association v. Superior Court*. Answering defendant also requests a judgment and declaration of partial indemnification and contribution against all other parties or third persons in accordance with the apportionment of fault.

FORTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The asymptomatic plaintiff lacks standing because they have suffered no damages and no injury-in-fact.

FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims of fraud are not pleaded with the required particularity.

FORTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff cannot recover for the claims asserted because Plaintiff has failed to comply with the conditions precedent necessary to bring this action and/or each particular cause of action asserted by Plaintiff.

1 **FORTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

2 Plaintiff's claims for breach of warranty are barred because Plaintiff did not rely
 3 on such warranties and the claims are otherwise barred for lack of timely notice, lack of
 4 privity and/or because the alleged warranties were disclaimed.

5 **FORTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6 To the extent that Plaintiff asserts claims based on Merck's adherence to and
 7 compliance with applicable state laws, regulations and rules, such claims are preempted
 8 by federal law under the Final Rule, Requirements on Content and Format of Labeling
 9 for Human Prescription Drug and Biologic Products, FDA Docket No. 2000N-1269
 10 (January 24, 2006).

11 **FORTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12 The substantive law of Texas applies to Plaintiff's claim.

13 **FORTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

14 If Plaintiff sustained the injuries and damages alleged in the Complaint, such
 15 injuries resulted, in whole or in part, from the culpable conduct and negligence of
 16 Plaintiff and/or of third parties, not from any negligence or breach of duty by Merck. If
 17 judgment is rendered in Plaintiff's favor, the amount of such judgment must be reduced
 18 pursuant to the Proportionate Responsibility Statute § 33.001, et seq. of the Texas Civil
 19 Practice & Remedies Code.

20 **FORTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 Merck is unaware at this time of any settlements by any alleged joint tortfeasor.
 22 In the event any settlement is or has been made by any alleged joint tortfeasor,
 23 however, then Merck is entitled to a full credit, offset, pro rata reduction, or percentage
 24 reduction, based on the percentage of fault attributable to each settling party, person, or
 25 other entity herein, and Merck makes known to the other parties and to the court that it
 26 will avail itself of its rights under §§ 33.012 et seq. of the Texas Civil Practice &
 27 Remedies Code.

FORTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Merck fully asserts § 82.001 and § 82.007 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and states that all of Plaintiff's claims are barred under those sections.

FIFTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

To the extent Plaintiff is seeking recovery for benefits entitled to be received or actually received from any other source for injuries alleged in the Complaint, such benefits are not recoverable in this action.

FIFTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any claims for exemplary damages are limited by Section 41.008 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code to two times the amount of actual damages or \$200,000, whichever is greater. Merck asserts all other defenses and limitations on punitive damages contained in Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

FIFTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any claim for punitive damages against Merck cannot be sustained, because an award of punitive damages under Texas law without proof of every element beyond a reasonable doubt would violate Merck's rights under Amendments IV, V, VI and XIV of the United States Constitution and under Sections 9, 10, 14 and 19 of Article I of the Texas Constitution.

FIFTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Unless Merck's liability for punitive damages and the appropriate amount of punitive damages are each required to be established by clear and convincing evidence under Texas law, any awards of punitive damages would violate Merck's due process rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and by Section 19 of Article I of the Texas Constitution.

FIFTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any claims for punitive damages against Merck cannot be sustained, because any award of punitive damages under Texas law without bifurcating the trial as to all

1 punitive damages issues would violate Merck's due process rights guaranteed by the
 2 Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and by Section 19 of Article I
 3 of the Texas Constitution.

FIFTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5 Any claim for punitive damages against Merck cannot be sustained, because an
 6 award of punitive damages under Texas law subject to no pre-determined limit, either a
 7 maximum multiple of compensatory damages or a maximum amount, on the amount of
 8 punitive damages that a jury may impose would violate Merck's due process rights
 9 guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and by
 10 Section 19 of Article I of the Texas Constitution.

FIFTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

12 Any claims for punitive damages against Merck cannot be sustained, because an
 13 award of punitive damages under Texas law by a jury that:

- 14 (1) is not provided any standard of sufficient clarity for determining the
 appropriateness, or the appropriate size of any punitive damages award;
- 16 (2) is not instructed on the limits of punitive damages imposed by the
 applicable principles of deterrence and punishment;
- 18 (3) is not expressly prohibited from awarding punitive damages or determining
 the amount of an award of punitive damages, in whole or in part, on the basis of
 invidiously discriminatory characteristics;
- 21 (4) is permitted to award punitive damages under a standard for determining
 liability for punitive damages that is vague and arbitrary and does not define with
 sufficient clarity the conduct or mental state that makes punitive damages permissible;
 or
- 25 (5) is not subject to judicial review on the basis of objective standards
 would violate Merck's due process rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to
 the United States Constitution and by Section 19 of Article I of the Texas Constitution.

1 **FIFTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

2 Any claims for punitive damages against Merck cannot be sustained, because an
3 award of punitive damages under Texas law for the purpose of compensating Plaintiff
4 for elements of damages not otherwise recognized by Texas law would violate Merck's
5 due process rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States
6 Constitution and by Section 19 of Article I of the Texas Constitution.

7 **FIFTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

8 Merck asserts that the determination of the amount of punitive damages, if any,
9 shall be bifurcated from the remaining issues pursuant to *Transportation Ins. Co. v.*
10 *Moriel*, 879 S.W.2d 10 (Tex. 1994).

11 **FIFTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12 The imposition of punitive damages violates the open courts provision of the
13 Texas Constitution.

14 Dated: May 13, 2008

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Merck demands a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.

Dated: May 13, 2008

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SACHIKO WILLIAMS

v.

MERCK & CO., INC., AND MCKESSON CORP.

Defendant(s)

CASE NUMBER

2:08-CV-02218 AHM (AGRx)

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE
 OF INTERESTED PARTIES
 (Local Rule 7.1-1)**

TO: THE COURT AND ALL PARTIES APPEARING OF RECORD:

The undersigned, counsel of record for Defendant, MERCK & CO., INC.

(or party appearing in pro per), certifies that the following listed party (or parties) has (have) a direct, pecuniary interest in the outcome of this case. These representations are made to enable the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal. (Use additional sheet if necessary.)

PARTY

CONNECTION

(List the names of all such parties and identify their connection and interest.)

MERCK & CO., INC.

Defendant

MCKESSON CORP.

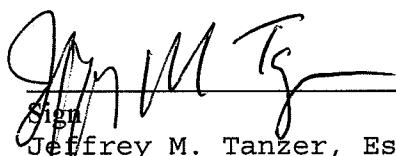
Defendant

SACHIKO WILLIAMS

Plaintiff

May 13, 2008

Date



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13 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 SACHIKO WILLAMS,

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 MERCK & CO., INC., and MCKESSON
18 CORP.,

19 DefendantS.

CASE NO. CV08-02218 AHM (AGRx)

DEFENDANT MERCK & CO., INC.'S
NOTICE OF RELATED CASES AND
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF OTHER
PROCEEDINGS

[Local Rules 83-1.3 and 83-1.4]

TO THE COURT, AND TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF
RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Local Rule 83-1.3, Defendant Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck") hereby gives notice of 17 related cases in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, entitled *Karen Johnson v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, Case No. CV 06-5378 FMC (PJWx), *Edward A. Morris, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc. et al.*, Case No. CV 06-5587 FMC (PJWx), *Anne E. Clayton v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.*, Case No. CV 06-6398 FMC (PJWx), *Valiente v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.*, Case No. CV 06-7027 FMC (PJWx), *Hammond v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, Case No. CV 06-

1 7343 FMC (PJWx), *Ferraro, et al. v. Merck & Co., et al.*, No. CV 06-7733 (FMC)
 2 (PJWx), *Demsky, et al. v. Merck & Co., et al.*, No. CV 07-2839 (FMC) (PJWx),
 3 *Bujdoso, et al., v. Merck & Co., et al.*, Case No. CV 07-3490 (FMC) (PJWx), *Finch, et*
 4 *al., v. Merck & Co., et al.*, Case No. CV 07-3492 (FMC) (PJWx), *Horton, et al., v.*
 5 *Merck & Co., et al.*, Case No. CV 07-3493 (FMC) (PJWx), *Martin, et al., v. Merck &*
 6 *Co., et. al.*, Case No. CV 07-3495 (FMC) (PJWx), *Cecilia Smith, et al., v. Merck & Co.,*
 7 *et al.*, Case No. CV 07-3497 (FMC) (PJWx), *Evans, et al., v. Merck & Co., et al.*, Case
 8 No. CV 07-4136 (FMC) (PJWx), *Goss, et al., v. Merck & Co., et al.*, Case No. CV 07-
 9 4172 (FMC) (PJWx), *Vasquez, et al., v. Merck & Co., et al.*, Case No. CV 07-4326
 10 (FMC) (PJWx), *Moyer, et al., v. Merck & Co., et al.*, Case No. CV 07-4651 (FMC)
 11 (PJWx), and *Carrie Smith, et al., v. Merck & Co., et al.*, Case No. CV 07-4655 (FMC)
 12 PJWx).

13 These cases, like the above-captioned action, involve allegations regarding the
 14 prescription medication FOSAMAX® and will therefore call for the determination of
 15 the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact, and would entail
 16 substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges. All 18 cases, including the
 17 above-captioned action, contain essentially the same allegations that certain injuries
 18 were caused by the prescription medication FOSAMAX®, and having all of these
 19 matters assigned to a single judge is appropriate.

20 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to Local Rule 83-1.4, Merck
 21 hereby gives notice that the above-captioned case is the subject of or is related to
 22 Multidistrict Litigation that is pending in the United Stated District Court for the
 23 Southern District of New York, encaptioned In re Fosamax Products Liability
 24 Litigation, MDL-1789. On August 16, 2006, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict
 25 Litigation (“MDL Panel”) issued an order transferring 18 FOSAMAX® products
 26 liability cases to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
 27 (Keenan, J.) for coordinated pretrial proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 1407. *In re*
 28 *Fosamax Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1789. To date, the MDL Panel has

1 issued more than 47 Conditional Transfer Orders, at least 131 cases involving
 2 FOSAMAX® have been transferred to MDL-1789, and there are a total of at least 371
 3 cases pending in the MDL, including cases filed directly in the Southern District of
 4 New York.

5 All of the cases identified in the first paragraph above, which were filed in this
 6 District and were assigned to and/or related to the Honorable Florence-Marie Cooper,
 7 have previously been transferred from this District to the MDL.¹

8 Merck will seek the transfer of this action to MDL-1789, and will, in the next
 9 several days, provide the MDL Panel with notice of this action pursuant to the “tag-
 10 along” procedure contained in the MDL Rules.

11 Dated: May 13, 2008

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 14 JEFFREY M. TANZER

15 By /s/ -- Jeffrey M. Tanzer
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 17 Attorneys for Defendant
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 27 ¹ Pursuant to a stipulation of the parties, the case of *Johnson v. Merck* was
 28 dismissed without prejudice by Judge Keenan in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, after a transfer of that case to MDL No. 1789.

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On May 13, 2008, I served the foregoing document(s) described as **DEFENDANT MERCK & CO., INC.'S NOTICE OF RELATED CASES AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF OTHER PROCEEDINGS** on the interested parties in this action addressed as follows:
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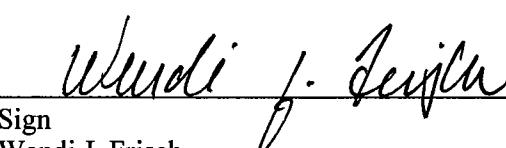
The undersigned, counsel of record for Defendant McKesson Corporation (or party appearing in pro per), certifies that the following listed party (or parties) has (have) a direct, pecuniary interest in the outcome of this case. These representations are made to enable the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal. (Use additional sheet if necessary.)

PARTY	CONNECTION
(List the names of all such parties and identify their connection and interest.)	
MERCK & CO., INC.	Defendant
MCKESSON CORPORATION	Defendant
SACHIKO WILLIAMS	Plaintiff

May 15, 2008

Date

Sign
Wendi J. Frisch



Attorney of record for or party appearing in pro per
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2 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen
3 (18) years and am not a party to the within action.

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5 submitted an electronic version of the following document via file transfer protocol to
6 ECF (Electronic Case Filing)

7 submitted a hard copy of the following document to ECF (Electronic Case Filing) by

8 facsimile

9 overnight delivery

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JUDGE KEENAN '08 CIV 4402

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IN RE: FOSAMAX PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Sachiko Williams v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.,
C.D. California, C.A. No. 2:08-2218 FMC (AQRx)

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MDL No. 1789

CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-53)

On August 16, 2006, the Panel transferred four civil actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. See 444 F.Supp.2d 1347 (J.P.M.L. 2006). Since that time, 123 additional actions have been transferred to the Southern District of New York. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable John F. Keenan.

It appears that the action on this conditional transfer order involves questions of fact that are common to the actions previously transferred to the Southern District of New York and assigned to Judge Keenan.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), this action is transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the Southern District of New York for the reasons stated in the order of August 16, 2006, and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable John F. Keenan.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed 15 days from the entry thereof. If any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this 15-day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

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ATTEST *J. Michael McMahon*
FOR THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON
MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

FOR THE PANEL:

Jeffery N. Lüthi
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Clerk of the Panel

A CERTIFIED COPY
J. MICHAEL McMAHON,

CLERK
J. Michael McMahon
BY DEPUTY CLERK

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J. Michael McMahon
Clerk
C.D. OF CALIFORNIA

Date: 05/09/2008
In Re: FOSAMAX PRODUCTS
MDL 06 MD 1789

Your Docket #
2:08-2218

S.D. OF N.Y.
08 CV 4402

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, transferring the above entitled action presently pending in your court, to the Southern District of New York and assigned to Judge KEENAN for coordinated or consolidated pretrial processing pursuant to 28 USC 1407.

Please return the copy of this letter when transmitting YOUR FILE and a CERTIFIED COPY OF THE DOCKET SHEET.

Sincerely,
J.Michael McMahon

By: PHYLLIS ADAMIK
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June 12, 2008

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Re: MDL 1789 In Re: FOSAMAX PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Transfer of our Civil Case No. 2:08-CV-2218 FMC (AGR)

Case Title: SACHIKO WILLIAMS v. MERCK & CO., INC., et al.

Dear Sir/Madam:

An order having been made by the Judicial Panel on Multi-district Litigation transferring/ remanding the above-numbered case to your district, we are transmitting herewith our entire original file in the action, together with a copy of the order and a certified copy of the docket. Please acknowledge receipt of same and indicate below the case number you have assigned to this matter on the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to our office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By M. Guerrero
 Deputy Clerk

cc: *All counsel of record*
Clerk, MDL Panel

TO BE COMPLETED BY RECEIVING DISTRICT

Receipt is acknowledged of the documents described herein and, if not already assigned, we have assigned this matter the following case number: _____.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By _____
 Deputy Clerk